

By the honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq; Governour of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut in New-England, a proclamation for a publick thanksgiving New-London

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By the HONOURABLE, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq; GOVERNOUR of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut in New-England

A PROCLAMATION For a Publick Thanksgiving.

ALTHOUGH , Considering the Judgments of GOD, which are on the Earth, in the great Distress & Desolation brought upon many Nations, both by WAR and PESTILENCE.

And Considering also particularly, the awful Tokens of GOD's Righteous Anger against us, Especially, in the Contagious SICKNESS which has been in divers Places of the Land, and in the continued RAINS, by which great Losses have been sustained, It becomes Us to be deeply Humbled before the LORD.

IT is Nevertheless our Duty to Acknowledge the many Instances of Divine Goodness, which the LORD whose Ways, are not as Ours, has Graciously vouchtaled Us and which are never to be forgotten.
Namely ,

THE Smiles of Providence on the BRITISH Empire, and particularly, On Our Sovereign Lord the KING, in the Prosperity of His Life and Reign: On Their Royal Highnesles the PRINCE and PRINCESS of Wales, and and on all the Branches of the ROYAL FAMILY, not only, in Their Happy Increase, by the BIRTH of the Royal Prince *WILLIAM AUGUSTUS* , but, also, in the Lives of Others of Them when in Hazard by Sickness, have been Mercifully Spared.

THE PEACE which has been Continued, and Confirmed to Our Nation, after so many Endeavours to interrupt It.

THE Preservation of the *British* Dominions from the Raging PESTILENCE, which has laid so many Places waste, within their View, and Neighbourhood.

THE General HEALTH that has been Enjoyed in the Land, notwithstanding, The SMALLPOX has prevailed so much, in the Principal Place of our Neighbouring Province.

THE Preservation of Our COLONY, in so great a Measure from that Contagious Sickness, when We have been in great Danger of It; The Continuance of Our Privileges both *Civil and Sacred*; The *Peace*

which we have Enjoyed: And the good *Supply of the Fruits of the Earth* , which the present Year has been Crowned with.

WHICH are, (*All of them*) Blessings from the LORD, whose Mercy therein We ought to Celebrate with great *THANKFULNESS* .

I have therefore thought fit, with the Abbice and Consent of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, to Appoint, and do hereby Appoint Wednesday, the Eight Day of November next, to be Observed as a Day of publick *THANKGIVING* throughout the Colony. Exhorting all both Ministers & People, with Unseigned Devotion, to Bless the Name of the LORD, and praise him for all the Wonders of his Goodness; And, to Beg that the mercy which we Adore, may in all the needful Instances thereof be manifested to Us.

And all Service Labours on the said Day is hereby strictly prohibited.

Given in *New-Haven* , the Fourteenth Day of *October*, *Anno Domini* 1721, In the Eight year of the Reign of Our Sovereign lord *GEORGE* , by the Grace of GOD of *Great Britain, France and Ireland* , KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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GOD Save the KING.

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